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1. SUMMARY. MISOFFS HELD CONVERSSTIONS WITH HALL AND STAVROPOULOS 17 OCT CONCERNING AMERASINGHE DRAFT RES ON 1975 LOS CONFERENCE WORK. EACH THOUGHT LDC'S, AND ESPECIALLY AF'S, WOULD NOT RPT NOT AGREE THAT CURRENT RES SHOULD CALL FOR A SUMMER SESSION, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT A WAY HAD TO, AND COULD BE, FOUND, EVEN ABSENT AN EXPRESS PROVISION IN THE RES, FOR THE CONFERENCE TO DECIDE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPRING SESSION THAT A SUMMER SESSION SHOULD BE HELD. IN THEIR OPINION, HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE THE ONLY POSSIBLE SUMMER SESSION SITE, AND THEY RECOGNIZED THE OPPOSITION WHICH NYC IN JULY/AUG COULD STIMULATE. THEY ASKED FOR USUN HELP IN THE MATTER. END SUMMARY.

2. DETAILS. HALL, CHIEF OF SEA AND OCEAN AFFAIRS, TOLD MISOFF OF GROWTH OF SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION TO INCLUDING IN LOS RES ANY SPECIFIC MENTION OF A SECOND SESSION OF THE CONF IN 1975. HALL SAID THE AF'S ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED, AS IN FRANCE. IN SAME  
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VEIN, SYG SPEACIAL REP STAVROPOULOS SAID HE HAS LEARNED

OF AN AF GROUP DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF CURRENT WEEK. KENYA HAD VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED AMERASINGHE SUMMER SESSION PARA, APPARENTLY INSISTING, AMONG OTHER REASONS, THAT EXPRESSLY TO ANTICIPATE A SUMMER SESSION WOULD MEAN THAT CONF PARTICIPANTS AT SPRING SESSION WOULD NOT RPT NOT NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY, AND HAD CITED LA TERRITORIALISTS AND UNNAMED STRAITS STATES IN THIS REGARD. HALL LIKEWISE, TOLD MISOFF THAT, IN HIS OPINION, MENTION OF A SECOND SESSION WOULD ABSOLUTELY REMOVE ALL INCENTIVE TO NEGOTIATE IN MARCH AND A WAIT-AND-SEE MOOD WOULD PREVAIL IN GENEVA, AS IT HAD IN CARACAS. HALL THOUGHT AMERASINGHE (WHO IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL MID-NEXT WEEK) CERTAINLY REALIZED LDC OPPOSITION AND, ALTHOUGH AMERASINGHE WOULD LIKELY BE COMPELLED TO DROP PROPOSED REF TO A SECOND SESSION FROM THE RES, HE WOULD HAVE AT LEAST MADE HIS POINT AS TO THE VERY REAL POSSIBILITY OF THE NEED FOR A SECOND SESSION. STAVROPOULOS THOUGHT THAT THE ACTUAL, AS OPPOSED TO THE APPARENT, AF POSITION WOULD BE THAT THE AF'S WOULD IN TIME BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A SECOND SESSION BUT NOT NOW.

3. STAVROPOULOS SAID HE HAS BEEN REFLECTING ON THE DIFFICULTIES OF CURRENT SITUATION POSED BY THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING AGREEMENT NOW TO A SECOND SESSION AND THE POLITICAL NECESSITY OF GETTING ON WITH CONF WORK IF DESTRUCTIVE UNILATERAL ACTIONS ARE TO BE AVOIDED. THERE WERE TWO PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS IN HOLDING A SECOND SESSION IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EXPRESS GA DECISION TO DO SO, ONE CONCERNING FUNDS, THE SECOND SERVICES. AS TO FUNDS, HE CONSIDERS IT POSSIBLE THAT, WITH STATEMENTS FROM THE GA FLOOR BY IMPORTANT AND NUMEROUS MEMBER STATES AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND SESSION, THE SYG COULD SUBSEQUENTLY APPROACH THE ACABQ IN THE EVENT THE FIRST SESSION IN GENEVA PROVED PRODUCTIVE. (WERE THE GENEVA SESSION NOT PRODUCTIVE, DELS WOULD BE UNLIKELY IN ANY EVENT TO AGREE TO A SECOND SESSION IN 75.) HALL AMPLIFIED THIS BY SAYING IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL IF THERE WAS CURRENTLY PUT INTO FIFTH COMMITTEE RECORD

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AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE IDEA THAT THE CONF MIGHT HAVE TO RECONVENE FOR A SECOND SESSION IN 75. STAVROPOULOS ASKED THAT USUN CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS RESPECT.

4. AS TO SERVICES, STAVROPOULOS POINTED OUT THAT SERVICES OF INTERPRETERS AND PRECIS WRITERS FOR A SECOND SESSION WOULD HAVE TO BE CONTRACTED FOR BEFORE

END OF 74, WHICH WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WERE NO DECISION TO HOLD A SECOND SESSION TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN. HOWEVER, THERE COULD BE SUFFICIENT STAFF AT HEADQUARTERS DURING JULY/AUG IN VIEW OF FACT SUCH PERSONNEL ARE ALWAYS MAINTAINED HERE FOR UNSC AND OTHER UNSCHEDULED MTGS. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD RULE OUT GENEVA, VIENNA, CARACAS OR, INDEED, ANY OTHER SITE FOR A SECOND SUBSTANTIVE SESSION. HE RECOGNIZED THAT NYC IN LATE SUMMER IS NOT A POPULAR PLACE; HOWEVER, IF GENEVA SESSION HAD GONE WELL, DELS WOULD, HE THOUGHT, OVERCOME THEIR OTHERWISE STRONG RELUCTANCE TO COME HERE.

5. STAVROPOULOS SAID HE IS GLAD TO LEARN THAT US AND MICRONESIANS HAVE AGREED TTPI SHOULD BE AN OBSERVER AT THE CONF. HE HAD SOME DOUBTS THAT OTHER DELS WOULD WELCOME INCLUDING IN THE RES A REF TO THE 1973 GA FINDING (RES 3067) AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCLUDING THE CONF IN 1975. THE USSR, FRANCE, POSSIBLY JAPAN, AND A NUMBER OF LDC'S MIGHT PROVE RESISTANT, HE THOUGHT.

6. COMMENT: APART FROM AMERASINGHE, STAVROPOULOS, HALL AND A POSSIBLE FEW OTHERS SUCH AS KENYA, ATTENTION OF GA DELS HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO FOCUS ON LOS CONF ISSUES, GIVEN PREOCCUPATION WITH MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OTHER MATTERS. WE WOULD EXPECT THIS WOULD CHANGE WHEN EXPERTS PARTICIPATING IN EVENSES TALKS BEGIN TO ARRIVE NYC.  
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